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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

IN COURSE OF FIRST MEETING OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
COMMITTEE FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS USREP
AMBASSADOR MALMGREN MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OCTOBER 26
IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS REGARDING
RELATIONSHIP OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TO TRADE NEGOTIATIONS:

QUOTE: SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAVE RAISED WITH US THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PROPOSALS TO DISCUSS WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS
OF FOOD SUPPLY IN SUCH FORUMS AS A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND
THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION AND OUR PRESENT EFFORTS
TO EMBARK ON NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE IN THE MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. I WOULD LIKE, THEREFORE, TO CLARIFY THIS
RELATIONSHIP AS MY GOVERNMENT SEES IT IN THE HOPE THAT THIS WILL
BE USEFUL TO OTHER DELEGATIONS.

AS WE SEE IT, THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF A WORLD FOOD
CONFERENCE IS TO EXPLORE THE DESIRABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN COPING WITH POSSIBLE WORLDWIDE
IMBALANCES IN THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR FOOD, INCLUDING THOSE
CAUSED BY WIDESPREAD CROP FAILURE, INCREASING PRESSURE ON
FOOD SUPPLIES FROM POPULATION GROWTH AND RISING INCOMES,
AND THE FAILURE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE TO INCREASE
FOOD PRODUCTION RAPIDLY ENOUGH TO IMPROVE OVERALL NUTRITIONAL
LEVELS. IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE EXPLORATION OF MODES OF
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO IMPROVE DISASTER RELIEF
IN THE CASE OF LOCALIZED EMERGENCIES.

HOWEVER, WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT QUESTIONS OF TRADE
AND FOOD BALANCES ARE HIGHLY INTERLINKED. IN THE MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS MY GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO DEAL WITH ALL
FACTORS WHICH UNDERLIE TRADE DISTORTIONS, INCLUDING STOCKPILING.
WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT OTHER FORUMS WILL NEGOTIATE SPECIFIC
COMMITMENTS, SINCE ANY MULTILATERAL COMMITMENTS ON SUCH
QUESTIONS AS STOCKPILING WOULD DIRECTLY AFFECT TRADE, TRADE
POLICY, AND THE NATURE OF SOLUTIONS TO TRADE DISPUTES.
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WHILE OTHER FORUMS WILL LOOK AT THESE ISSUES IN THE
OVERALL CONTEXT OF THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION, SUGGESTIONS BY THE
UNITED STATES FOR THE USE OF DIFFERENT FORUMS TO DISCUSS THESE
FOOD MATTERS DOES NOT IMPLY ANY EFFORT ON OUR PART TO SHIFT THE
VENUE OF KEY AGRICULTURAL ISSUES AWAY FROM THE MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TO OTHER BODIES. ANY SUCH SHIFT WOULD OF
COURSE BE INCONSISTENT WITH OUR FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF THAT

AGRICULTURE IS ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
AS A WHOLE. END QUOTE.BASSIN

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